

# **Senate File 306 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 306  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1138)

## **A BILL FOR**

1 An Act providing for the reduction and recovery of excess food  
2 items by the department of natural resources.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 268.4, Code 2013, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 4A. The center shall cooperate with the  
4 department of natural resources in promoting the reduction and  
5 recovery of excess food items pursuant to section 455B.317.

6 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 455B.317 **Excess food items —**  
7 **reduction and recovery — report.**

8 1. As used in this section, "*excess food item*" means any  
9 uneaten food or food scrap including ingredients, oils, fats,  
10 or other food preparation products that may be wasted by  
11 disposal in a landfill or incineration.

12 2. a. The department shall promote the reduction and  
13 recovery of excess food items generated on a large scale  
14 by businesses formed on a profit or nonprofit basis, state  
15 agencies, and local governments.

16 b. The department shall base the resources and strategies  
17 described in paragraph "a" on the same priorities set forth  
18 in the food recovery hierarchy adopted by the United States  
19 environmental protection agency. The department shall develop  
20 resources and strategies for practical voluntary use by  
21 businesses, state agencies, and local governments.

22 c. The department, including its Iowa waste exchange, shall  
23 administer this subsection in cooperation with the Iowa waste  
24 reduction center for the safe and economic management of solid  
25 waste and hazardous substances established pursuant to section  
26 268.4.

27 3. a. The department shall prepare a report that identifies  
28 barriers that prevent businesses, state agencies, and local  
29 governments from reducing and recovering excess food items, and  
30 makes recommendations regarding how state government may better  
31 provide resources and strategies described in subsection 2.

32 b. In preparing the report the department shall consult with  
33 interested persons who generate a large volume of excess food  
34 items, or associations representing such persons, including  
35 profit or nonprofit businesses; state agencies, including the

1 department of corrections, regents institutions, community  
2 colleges, and hospitals; and local governments.

3     *c.* The department shall submit a report to the governor and  
4 general assembly by January 1, 2015.

5     *d.* This subsection is repealed on January 1, 2015.

6                                   EXPLANATION

7     This bill provides for the reduction and recovery of excess  
8 food items, which includes uneaten food or food scraps, and  
9 oils, fats, or other food preparation products that may be  
10 wasted by disposal in a landfill or incineration. It requires  
11 the department of natural resources (department) to promote  
12 the reduction and recovery of excess food items generated  
13 on a large scale by businesses, state agencies, and local  
14 governments. It requires the department to model its efforts  
15 on the food recovery hierarchy adopted by the United States  
16 environmental protection agency and includes source reduction,  
17 distribution of food to the hungry, animal feed, industrial  
18 uses, composting, and finally, waste disposal (landfill or  
19 incineration).

20     The department must cooperate with the Iowa waste reduction  
21 center for the safe and economic management of solid waste and  
22 hazardous substances located at the university of northern  
23 Iowa (Code section 268.4). The department is also required  
24 to prepare a report that identifies barriers that prevent  
25 businesses, state agencies, and local governments from reducing  
26 and recovering excess food items, and makes recommendations  
27 regarding how state government may better provide resources  
28 and strategies. The department must submit a report to the  
29 governor and general assembly by January 1, 2015.